Pathway to U.S. Citizenship

For an adult immigrant to become a U.S. citizen, he or she must go through the process of naturalization. GENERAL requirements for naturalization call for the immigrant to:

> Be at least 18 years old at the time of filing the Application for **Naturalization (Form N-400)**

Swear an oath of **United States**

allegiance to the

Be a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States

Demonstrate a basic knowledge of U.S. history, government, and civic principles



At the time of filing the application, have been a permanent resident in the **United States for at least** 5 years (or for at least) 3 years if you meet all eligibility requirements to file for a spouse of a

Demonstrate an ability to read, write, speak, and understand basic English



Receive a Certificate of

Naturalization

Have demonstrated continuous permanent residence

United States citizen)

Demonstrate an attachment to the principles and ideals of the U.S. Constitution





Have demonstrated physical presence

Have lived within the State or **USCIS** District for at least 3 months prior to filing



★ For Form N-400 and to learn more about specific eligibility requirements for naturalization, visit www.uscis.gov or call 1 800 375 5283